

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 2, 2009 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated October 2, 2009, issued in connection with the above-referenced patent application (the "subject application"), Applicants submit the following:

- 1) **Amendments to the Claims** that begin on page 2 of this paper; and
- 2) **Remarks** that begin on page 6 of this paper.

The Office Action set a shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months to expire on January 2, 2010. This Amendment is being filed on December 22, 2009. Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed.